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HOME DOCK STRIKE

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(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 19.
While work has come to a standstill at most other ports, approximately 3,000 men are working at London Docks to-day, being one-fifth of the normal number.

Thirty-two ships are discharging.

TRADE UNION SUPPORT

LONDON, February 19.
The emergency committee of the Trade Union Congress has passed a resolution congratulating the transport workers and the dockers on their magnificent stand and pledging the support of British trade unionism.

The resolution calls on all affiliated organisations to assist the strikers.

WAR IN THE AIR

BRITAIN'S INADEQUATE DEFENCES

STRONGER FORCE URGED

LONDON, February 19.
The evening sitting of the House of Commons was devoted to Sir Samuel Hoare's motion on the question of air defence, in which the former Air Minister invited the House to affirm the principle of maintaining a home defence air force of sufficient strength to give adequate protection against the strongest air force within striking distance of British shores.

Sir Samuel Hoare contrasted the British and French services, the former with 100 first-line machines compared with France's 1,000.

He stated that his resolution followed the lines agreed upon by the Dominion premiers and embodied a programme only costing £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 a year, but more vitally important to the safety of the country than any other phase of national defence.

He asked for an assurance that the Government was anxious to see civil aviation developed.

DISARMAMENT NECESSARY

Mr. W. M. Leach, Under-Secretary for Air, replying, stated that there would be no change at present regarding the expansion of the Air Force already planned. He declared that the war had killed the doctrine that in order to get peace you must prepare for war. All the nations that prepared most got the most war. (Ministerial cheers and Opposition dissent.)

Mr. Leach said the Government would do its utmost to facilitate an international air craft disarmament conference and declared the legacies of development inherited from the old government would be fulfilled.

They were anxious to foster civil aviation and encourage the development of airships.

Mr. Leach, in conclusion, said the Army and Navy might repel land attacks, but the Air Force could not prevent an air raid. The only adequate defence was a changed international atmosphere.

CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT

Col. Seeley declared that the House had listened to a most astonishing doctrine which would mean the disbandment of the Army and Navy if followed to its logical conclusion. They must challenge the Government upon that doctrine. (Opposition cheers.) Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Colonies, stated that the Government's policy was definitely to make the Air Force adequate, and whilst recognising the necessity of defence and realising the imperial aspects of the question and giving an assurance of continuity on the first stages of the programme, the Government reserved the right to do nothing which would prevent them working for disarmament. He hoped the House would reject the motion.

The motion was talked out, the Speaker not accepting the closure.

LATER

The Speaker would not accept the closure which Sir Samuel Hoare moved because he held the opinion that a debate on a matter of this magnitude in such a short period ought to be resumed when the air estimates came on.

PRAYA INCIDENT.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGE.

EUROPEAN LADY'S COMPLAINT

Oliver Williams, a negro, and Edward Hurley, both seamen from the U.S.S. "Permit," were charged before M. J. R. Wood with disorderly conduct and assaulting Mrs. Wood, wife of sanitary Inspector R. B. Wood, on the Praya last yesterday evening.

Giving evidence Mrs. M. K. Wood, stated that she lived at No. 2, Government Quarters, Happy Valley, and was waiting for a tram at the corner of Grosvenor Street. She had been there a minute and a half when Hurley came up from behind and tapped her on the shoulder. She turned round, seized him by the left shoulder and pushed him away saying to him: "What do you think you are?" "Do you think you are in the States again?" Williams was standing at the rear and Hurley

lay fell back in line with him and the former used language which was very unpleasant.

The tram then arrived and she boarded it, when Williams made a motion as if to throw something at her.

At Arsenal Street she got out and telephoned

Divisional Inspector Aris at No. 2 (Wanchai) Station. Inspector Aris

asked her to go back to the scene

where she would join her.

At Grosvenor Street she met the Inspector who brought two European ser-

vants with him and the latter went

into the Seamen's Institute to look

for defendants.

They came out and reported

that they were not in the

Institute, whereupon Inspector Aris

started a search in the vicinity.

After Mrs. Wood, accompanied by

the Inspector, had returned to No. 2

Station, one of the seamen came

back with Williams in custody.

Hurley was found later in a restaur-

ant with four other white sailors.

Lance-Sergeant Harcourt deposed

to finding Hurley at No. 109

Queen's Road East which is a

residential street.

NAVAL OIL LEASES

MISCHIEVOUS RUMOURS NAILED.

BUSINESS NOT HARMED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 19.

In order to counteract reports that the business of the oil companies in America was being affected by the oil disclosures, the Senate oil committee has issued a statement to the effect that the oil industry is in healthy condition, and that probably many rumours regarding the oil leases will be discovered upon investigation to be without foundation. Americans may look forward to the coming months hopefully.

LATEST ASPECTS.

The Senate oil committee's private examination of certain New York stockbrokers who produced account books for its inspection, and the continued refusal of Mr. Daugherty to resign are features of to-day's development of the scandal.

The object of the new turn in the committee's enquiry is undoubtedly to ascertain whether any officials took advantage of advance information regarding the Teapot Dome lease to speculate in stocks.

SUSPICIOUS?

WASHINGTON, February 19.

It is reliably learned that the name of one Government official, whose identity has not yet been disclosed, appears on the books of a certain firm, which the Senate oil committee examined to-day.

FRENCH POLITICS.

GOVERNMENT FACES MORE TROUBLE.

ELECTORAL REFORM BATTLE.

PARIS, February 19.
Having won the day on the most controversial features of the finance bill, namely authorisation for the Government to reduce expenditure by decree and to increase taxes generally twenty per cent, the Government is now faced with a hard battle in the Senate on the electoral reform bill.

The Left Democrats, who are in the majority in the Senate, oppose the modified form of proportional representation, which is a feature of the bill, as passed by the Chamber of Deputies, and demand a return to the old majority system. But it is anticipated that many will abstain from voting in order to overthrow the Government, the question not being regarded as of national importance.

It is noteworthy that the customs dues on goods imported from abroad are exempted from the twenty per cent increase in taxation.

[Earlier cables stated that the taxation proposals adopted by the Chamber of Deputies embodied clause three, which has been hotly debated for nearly a month. After this the Chamber got to work more rapidly on the remaining one hundred and ten clauses of the Government's Financial Measures Bill. The delay in voting on the Bill was blamed for the fall of the franc. As French traders are now heavily buying sterling it is hoped the franc will improve.]

HANDING BACK WEIHAIWEI.

LONDON, February 19.

Acting under orders from Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the London Charge d'Affaires, conferred with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the Foreign Office and presented the Chinese case regarding Weihaiwei.

China is dissatisfied with the decision of the Anglo-Chinese Commission, the report of which is before the two Governments. China claims modifications, especially concerning Chinese sovereignty, and asks the British Government to resume negotiations.

Mr. MacDonald promised to study the question and expressed a desire that the whole matter of transferring Weihaiwei to China should be completed as quickly as possible.

BOOZE RUNNERS' RESPITE.

WASHINGTON, February 19.

A short delay is likely in the signing of the Canadian-American illicit liquor prevention treaty in consequence of Canada declining a suggestion that vessels plying between Canada and the United States carrying liquor should be denied clearance. It is argued that this is a violation of Canadian law.—Reuter's American Service.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February, to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution viz:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner.

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin as distinct from bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors:
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 21st, February 1924, until THURSDAY 28th, February 1924, both days inclusive.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

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By Order of the Committee, • P. TESTER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1924.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

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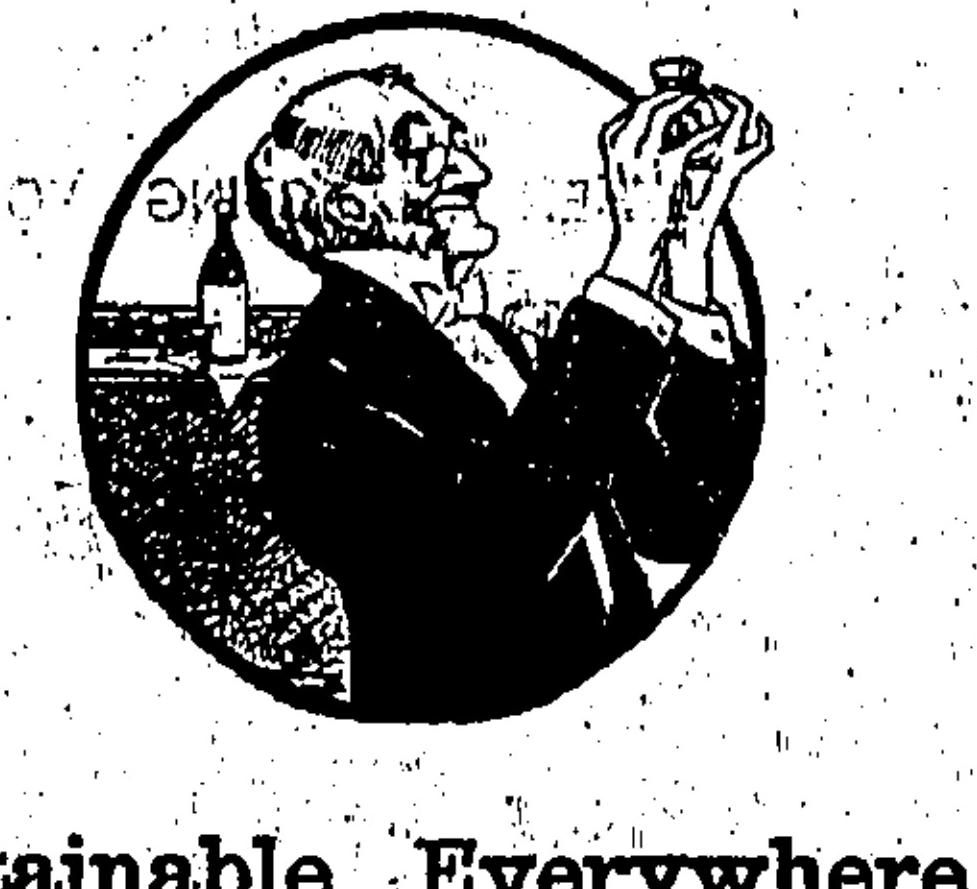
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DEATHS.

CLARKE.—On Sunday, December 23, 1923, at Tunbridge Wells, England, Charles Cecil Clarke, late Commissioner in the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, aged 69 years.

DE SOUSA.—On February 14, 1924, at Berkeley, California, Mr. A. M. de Souza, the dearly beloved father of Mrs. R. Dreyse (nee de Souza).

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 1924.

HAVING A FLUTTER.

How many Hongkong people really know anything about horses? Few enough, we wot. Yet these four days will find most the Colony describing, discussing and criticising the performances of some odd hundred China ponies. Large crowds will flock to Happy Valley, arrayed in their best, and will there strain their eyes to watch these same absurdly small mounts career round the course. Still larger numbers will eagerly scan the evening papers for regatta and their men will become jubilant, melancholy or philosophic as the tale unfolds. Bets will quicken the joy of those staked with sudden riches and losses.

win the cash sweep's first prize and that one ticket may be bought by the man who invests \$10 just as readily as it may fall to the man who invests \$100. How did Shakespeare express this truth?

If Hercules and Lichas play at dice, which is the better man? The greater throw May turn by fortune from the weaker hand.

Many a local financial Hercules and a Lichas will learn this again ere Saturday evening come, and lest the fates have already ordained that they must lose, they will be wise to accept this sure tip—set a limit to the number of bets to be made and thus ensure that a run of a bad luck will not cost more than a known sum. If this advice is followed the moralists are answered completely and finally—for betting then becomes a harmless pleasure. If it is ignored—well, hardship might easily result. That many will ignore it does not, however, give the moralists much argument. Man is a gaming animal, and if you deprive him of his races he will find other ways to have a flutter, in spite of all the reproach and all the caution in the world.

To-morrow's Great Race.

Hongkong, as all the Colony knows, takes the name of its great annual race from the famous Home event, but how many people are aware that the Derby was first started so long ago as 1780. In the first race, which the Lord Derby of that day arranged, Sir Charles Bunbury won with his chestnut colt Diomed. The first Royal victory was in 1788, when the "First Gentleman in Europe" won with Sir Thomas. The race has been run in a hurricane which blew booths and tents over the course; it has been run, abit omni, after a snowstorm. In its first year the distance was only a mile, but the winning-post of 1780 stood where the winning-post stands to-day, and though we may wonder what the eighteenth century sportsmen would have thought of the crowds and the motor-cars of to-day, though London has so devoured the country that to go to the Derby by road is to drive through a continuous town, though the old humours of that journey have been destroyed by the speed of modern traffic, still the fair on the Hill is busily merry as it was when Frith painted his record of a Victorian Derby, and those who watch from the Grand Stand still look upon the same landscape of green down and woodland and distant spire as the sportsmen of 1780 saw when they planned the race. Our British love of horse-racing is indeed much older than the Derby. King James I. had his jockeys and bought blood-stock. Mr. Pepys saw races on the downs above Epsom wells, and, like a good fellow, let his clerk go and see them when he could not get away himself. Charles II. took his Court to Newmarket, and the Rowley Mile—for he was called Old Rowley after his favourite hack—still preserves the memory of his love of the Turf. Before his century was out all England had learnt the thrill of racing, and there were meetings all over the country.

The League.

Critics are so fond of telling us what the League of Nations has not done or not been able to do, that a thought of what it has actually done may not be out of place. The League became four years old on January 10th last. At the age of four the infant League is a sound healthy, growing and promising child. When the League came into being it had eighteen members. Promptly, however, every invited State that had been neutral in the war (except Ecuador) enrolled itself. When the first Assembly met in November 1920, there were 42 members. Six more States were admitted, including one of the "ex-enemy" States. At the second Assembly in 1921, three States were admitted. The third Assembly admitted Hungary, the fifty-second member. Abyssinia and the Irish Free State were admitted by the fourth Assembly in 1923. During this period no member withdrew from the League. Argentina withdrew her delegates from the first Assembly but still retained her League membership. On its fourth birthday, the 54 members of the League include all the States of Asia except Afghanistan and Turkey; all the independent States of Africa (with the possible exception of Egypt); all the States of Latin America except the Dominican Republic, Ecuador,

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win the cash sweep's first prize and that one ticket may be bought by the man who invests \$10 just as readily as it may fall to the man who invests \$100. How did Shakespeare express this truth?

If Hercules and Lichas play at dice, which is the better man? The greater throw May turn by fortune from the weaker hand.

Many a local financial Hercules and a Lichas will learn this again ere Saturday evening come, and lest the fates have already ordained that they must lose, they will be wise to accept this sure tip—set a limit to the number of bets to be made and thus ensure that a run of a bad luck will not cost more than a known sum. If this advice is followed the moralists are answered completely and finally—for betting then becomes a harmless pleasure. If it is ignored—well, hardship might easily result. That many will ignore it does not, however, give the moralists much argument. Man is a gaming animal, and if you deprive him of his races he will find other ways to have a flutter, in spite of all the reproach and all the caution in the world.

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HONGKONG'S RACING CARNIVAL OPENS.

SATISFACTORY PARIMUTUEL DIVIDENDS.

SMALLER SUPPORT FOR CASH SWEEPS.

Despite the depressing weather conditions racing enthusiasts went down to Happy Valley today with a good heart, prepared to make the best of things and to get as much enjoyment as might be out of the 1924 race meeting.

Skins that were dull and leaden gave little hope that the promise of yesterday's burst of sunshine would be fulfilled. Smart showers in the early part of the morning put the finishing touch on the already miry track and the course, viewed from the pressbox before the start of the first race was a woeful sight. Great lakes of water lay everywhere and the tracks were simply patches of mud and slush. A sorry setting this for the Colony's annual racing carnival but racegoers are an optimistic lot and in tackling the problem of selecting the day's winners they were able to console themselves with the reflection that the difficult conditions under which the ponies were running added if anything to the glorious uncertainties of the sport.

With commendable fortitude a number of ladies braved the mire, exposing new frocks to all sorts of perils, and came along in time for the opening race. On the lawn—only a courtesy title under present conditions—the Band of the East Surrey Regiment tried valiantly to make up for the gloominess of the weather by playing lively airs.

About ten minutes before the first race, His Excellency the Governor arrived, accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., and was met by Sir Paul Chater on behalf of the Stewards.

At the Course.

Shortly before noon, prospects did not seem at all inviting but the sun did peer out from behind the hills before the tiffin hour. As was only to be expected, the going was heavy with the result that times were decidedly on the slow side. Water covered parts of the track rendering it treacherous, particularly at the first turn from the winning post. Nevertheless, all entered into the spirit of the occasion, jockeys smilingly steering their mounts through the mud and back to the paddock or weighing-room.

That the weather did have its way to some extent is revealed in the reduced totals during the morning's cash sweeps and parimutuel. This may have been due to to-day being the 16th of the 1st moon in the Chinese calendar—the anniversary of the catastrophe several years ago.

In the afternoon, a good many people found their way down and the cash sweeps attained to figures usually seen in previous years.

The Ponies' Running.

As in previous years, the "subs" griffins provided the biggest fields and the "old" ponies, the smallest. Fifteen faced the starter in the opening race and sixteen were saddled for the fourth race.

All the Derby "probables" were sent out in the Trial Plate, the surprise being that trainers feel that their ponies could do with a spirited gallop before the big event to-morrow.

None of the three ponies with big Shanghai reputations—Cock o' the North, Christmas Card and Thomas a Becket—were sent out in either the Victoria Stakes of a mile or the Foochow Cup, over two miles. Most of the "subs" on "soft feeding" were saddled a second time in the day.

The Winners.

To Mrs. Bernard belongs the honour of annexing first and second places in the opening race. Mr. Bagram's sturdy little Gimp, trained by Curreem and ridden by Vida, was made favourite for the Maidens. He won and in doing so, beat the big Dark Mouse and Brackenfield, considered the second best in the "held" stable.

Spotted Sand bore out our contention yesterday that he is in the pink of condition, was still an excellent pony on the mud, and would win races up to a mile, by romping home in the Victoria Stakes.

Hill got his second winner of the day and also shortened King Canute's odds in the parimutuel but his backers were satisfied. Amongst good ponies beaten in this race were The Wonk, Pet Mouse, Durian and Chico who did not seem to like the heavy going.

Ideal Dahlia, last year's Derby winner, was beaten in the two-mile race by Kipin.

The Trial Plate, which owners and trainers look to as an indication of what will happen in the Derby, brought out ten ponies. Sir Paul's stable, favourite in the ante-post market, was represented by Magnificent Dahlia and Charm Dahlia, great things being

Mr. Pantomime's Punchinello (late Cassia River), 15lb
(Mr. Davies) o
Lady Severn's Duke, 15lb

Mr. Topside's Mountain Eagle, 15lb
" (Mr. Bagram) o
Mr. Wayfoong's Unusual, 15lb
(Mr. Brand) o

A length and a half, a length.
Time 1.04 2/5.

2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.
Winner \$600. Second \$200.
Third \$100. For China Ponies
bona fide Griffins on date of
entry. Weight for inches as per
scale. Subscription Griffins of
this Season 1923-1924 allowed 7lb.
Entrance \$10. Three
quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel—
Winner \$11.00
Places 1st \$6.30
" 2nd \$6.00
" 3rd \$11.30

Cash Sweeps—
Ticket No. 754 1st \$2,842.00
" 2nd \$812.00
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(Mr. Moller) 2

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15lb (Mr. Soares) 3

Mr. Henry Humphreys' Dark
Mouse, 164lb (Mr. Knoll) 2

Messrs. Morris and Marshall's
Brackenfield, 15lb (Mr. Hill) 3

Mr. Relyon's Uncle George (late
Olive Leaf), 149lb (Mr. Harriman) 3

Mr. B. Basto's Narcissus, 152lb
(Mr. Bauld) 0

Mr. Dyer's Loch Katrine, 152lb
(Mr. Matcham) 0

Mr. Dyer's Loch Nagar, 152lb
(Mr. Davies) 0

Sir Paul's Eclipse Dahlia, 155lb
(Mr. Moller) 0

Dead Heat.

A Head, A Length.
Time 1.37 3/5.

3.—THE VICTORIA STAKES.
Winner \$600. Second \$200.
Third \$100. For China Ponies,
Weight for inches as per scale.
Bona fide Griffins on date of
entry allowed 5lb. Subscription
Griffins of this Season
1923-1924 allowed 10lb. En-
trance \$10. One Mile.

Parimutuel—
Winner \$8.60
Places 1st \$6.70
" 2nd \$13.00
" 3rd \$31.80

Cash Sweep—
Ticket No. 588 1st \$3,200.40

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each,
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Messrs. Morris and Marshall's
Courtfield, 155 (Mr. Hill) 1

Messrs. Stephen & Stitt's Benz,
152lb (Mr. Brand) 2

Mr. H. Birkett's Sunstar, 149lb
(Mr. Knoll) 3

Sir Paul's Honesty Dahlia, 152lb
(Mr. Vida) 0

Sir Paul's Peerless Dahlia,
155lb (Mr. Moller) 0

A length. A length and a half.
Time 2.14 2/5 sec.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.
Winner \$750. Second \$250.
Third \$150. For Subscription
Griffins of this Season 1923-
1924. Weight for inches as per
scale. Entrance \$10. Three
quarters of a Mile.

Parimutuel—
Winner \$12.70
Places 1st \$7.20
" 2nd \$9.80
" 3rd \$27.10

Cash Sweep—
Ticket No. 187 1st \$1,890.00

" 224 2nd \$540.00
" 204 3rd \$270.00

Unplaced ponies \$260.00
Commission \$740.00

Total \$3,700.00

Unplaced ponies, \$20.00 each,
tickets Nos. 199, 292, 716, 369, 551,

458, 701, 163, 487, 501, 280, 235.

Mr. Dynasty's King Canute,
152lb (Mr. Hill) 1

Mr. Dyer's Loch Rannoch, 152lb
(Mr. Matcham) 2

Mr. Topside's Mountain Hawk,
152lb (Mr. Burkhill) 3

Mr. Alvinton's Goom Rock,
158lb (Mr. Harriman) 0

Mr. B. Basto's Nestor, 155lb
(Mr. Bauld) 0

Mr. H. Birkett's Arctic Star,
155lb (Mr. Davies) 0

Mr. Brothers' Jungle Cook,
155lb (Mr. Charles) 0

Mr. Goodie's The Wonk, 155lb
(Mr. Moller) 0

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios'
Gutter Snipe, 152lb (Mr. Soares) 0

Mr. E. Rouillon's Inca, 155lb
(Mr. da Rosa) 0

Lady Severn's Durian, 158lb
(Mr. Vida) 0

Lady Severn's Lampas, 155lb
(Mr. Gibson) 0

Mrs. Stephen's Circus, 155lb
(Mr. da Rosa) 0

Three quarters of a length.
Two lengths.
Time 1.40 2/5.

5.—THE FOOCHOW CUP.
Winner \$600. Second \$200.
Third \$100. For China Ponies
bona fide Griffins on date of
entry. Weight for inches as per
scale. Ponies that have run at any
previous Official Meeting and
not won a race and Griffins
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Griffins of this Season 1923-
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Two Miles.

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Mrs. Bernard's Rivergrass (late
Priormuir) 153lb (Mr. Zellensky) 0

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Clover Leaf,
150lb (Mr. Sewell) 0

A length and a half. 5 lengths.
Time 4:45 3/5.

6.—THE TRIAL PLATE.—Win-
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\$100. For China Ponies, bona
fide Griffins on date of entry.
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(Mr. Charles) 3

Mr. Bill's Sovereign Bill (late
Roman Eagle) 158lb (Mr. Gibson)

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Silver Leaf
158lb (Mr. Zellensky) 0

Sir Paul's Magnificent 158lb
(Mr. Burkhill) 2

Sir Paul's Charm Dahlia, 152lb
(Mr. Vida) 0

Mr. Relyon's Uncle Bill (late
Laurel Leaf) 153lb (Mr. Harriman) 0

Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's
Gaudie, 152lb (Mr. Brand) 0

Mr. Bill's Silver Bill (late
Australia) 163lb (Mr. Gibson) 0

Mr. Relyon's Uncle George
(late Oliver Leaf) 149lb
(Mr. Zellensky) 0

Mr. R. J. Wilton's Arizona 154lb
(Mr. Knoll) 0

Dead Heat.

Five Lengths.
Time 2:22 3/5.

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A THRILLING NARRATIVE.

DR. THOMPSON ON THE BORDERS OF TIBET.

Dr. Gordon Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.S. thrilled his audience at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night with the story of his travels near the Tibetan Border on the tragic expedition which brought the death of Brig-General Pereira, the famous Tibetan explorer. Dr. Thompson also described his capture by bandits and how he escaped. The narrative was made all the more absorbing by a series of lantern slides illustrating the beautiful scenery of the unexplored country.

Sir Claud Sevyn presided over a gathering which packed the hall. Dr. Thompson said he left Yunnanfu with Brigadier-General Pereira on July 17 last, with the object of travelling along the Tibetan border, that is to say, across the extreme west of the provinces of Yunnan, Szechuan and Kansu. The journey was mapped out in five sections: Yunnanfu to Likiang, Likiang to Batang, Batang to Paot'ao, and thence to Peking. On arrival at Likiang, the party secured fresh transport and mules and from then onwards had Tibetan muleteers.

Likiang is the old Mosu capital, and the lecturer observed that it was most interesting to see the Mosu people in their peculiar dress. From Likiang, they pressed on to Atunze, Yakalo and Batang, crossing from the watershed of the Yangtze to that of the Mekong—the two rivers being separated only by two short days' journey. The Mekong valley differs from that of the Yangtze in that it lies in what may be called a deep cleft of rock formation.

CHINESE MULETEER DIES.

In this valley a particularly virulent form of malaria fever is prevalent and the chief muleteer suddenly developed symptoms of severe fever. At this time the party was passing over a very dangerous road continuously subject to landslides. The whole side of the hill was covered with shingle and the road itself was but 12 or 16 inches wide, and from it shingle continually rattled down into the river. The sick muleteer was swaying in his saddle and every moment they expected to see him topple off his mule and toboggan into the river, but the worst part of the road was passed before he finally collapsed. Just as he fell one of the Tibetans caught him by the leg and pulled him back on to the road. The sufferer was carried into a Tibetan village and the doctor and the General spent the night nursing him, but at last managed to get him on to a mule and was buried by the wayside.

Batang was reached 55 days after leaving Yunnanfu. Batang is some 8,000 feet above sea level, but the country between Batang and Kanze is mostly much higher plateau land averaging 13,000 to 14,000 feet elevation. Fifteen days were spent in crossing this bleak country, snow falling almost every day, with an occasional blizzard for a change. Fuel was most difficult to obtain, and what little could be got consisted of yak dung, with a little brushwood, the result being that even the Chinese cook failed under this severe test and the dishes he produced were almost inedible. This high table-land country is the source of a number of the smaller rivers which flow into the Yangtze and had never before been crossed by Europeans.

GENERAL PEREIRA'S DEATH.

About four days before arriving at Kanze Brigadier-General Pereira was taken ill, but managed to keep going, and Dr. Thompson was hopeful that on arriving at Kanze at a somewhat lower level and in a warm Tibetan house instead of the thin tent he would speedily recover. About 10.30 o'clock on the last day's journey Dr. Thompson was informed by one of the men that the General had collapsed and was lying on the ground half a mile to the rear. Dr. Thompson immediately went back and found that the General had not fallen, but had dismounted and was lying on the ground. They were then only three and a half miles from Kanze. The doctor tended him for two hours at the roadside and he then became easier and managed to mount his pony, the party then carefully and slowly making its way for two miles down to the river. A coracle ferry had to be used, and with considerable difficulty and delay the river was crossed. Dr. Thompson then rigged up a camp bed with poles to form a stretcher and while transport was crossing the General had a good rest.

An attempt was made to get people to carry the bed for the remaining mile and a quarter to Kanze, but neither passer-by nor the yak drivers of the party would touch the bed upon which the sick man lay. Very reluctantly this conclusion was arrived at that the only way to reach Kanze would be helped on to his pony, and thus very slowly the town was reached. The doctor had sent a Tibetan boy ahead to find shelter and prepare a camp bed for the General, who had hot water, and all was ready when the party arrived in the evening.

CURSE OF WAR.

FURTHER DISARMAMENT DELAYS.

WASHINGTON, February 18. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, in a letter to Mr. Fish, a member of the House of Representatives, declares it is not feasible at present to call an international conference on the further limitation of naval armaments.

The letter adds that as far as light cruisers, submarines and aircraft are concerned, America's position is the same as at the Washington Conference, and the difficulties of reaching an agreement have not yet been removed.

An agreement on poison gas was reached at the Washington Conference, but one signatory Power has not yet ratified the treaty, and it has therefore been impossible to put it into effect.

The United States has reduced its land forces to the fullest extent practicable.

Mr. Hughes incidentally expresses the hope that the European Powers will, at no distant date, find it profitable to largely reduce and limit their land armies.

Reuter's American Service.

TOKYO, February 18.—In a statement issued by Baron Matsui, in reply to M. Karahan's interview with Japanese correspondents at Peking, it is stated that Japan's policy vis à vis Russia remains unchanged. She is desirous of resuming full relations with Russia provided outstanding questions be settled.—Reuter.

ing. The relief came too late, however, for although the General became more easy about midnight, a sudden change then occurred and at 1.15 a.m. he passed away. Sixteen Tibetans carried the coffin to the grave, and so he was buried under the shadow of a great Tibetan Lamasery at Kanze, in view of the range of snow-covered mountains which border the river.

DR. THOMPSON'S CAPTURE.

The journey from Lanchow to Pao-tao was continued by cart and it was within six hours of the railhead of the Kalgan route at Pao-tao that Dr. Thompson had the misfortune to encounter a band of 'tu-ti', composed of ex-Chinese soldiers, Mongols and nondescript robbers. He was compelled to career about the country with them for eight days, but at last managed to get away.

The first difficulty was that of getting into touch with the Chinese authorities and giving them information, and with that purpose the doctor refused to take any but foreign food, knowing that this could only be secured by sending it to Pao-tao. After 24 hours' discussion, the bandits agreed to this request, and the doctor wrote his letter asking for food and also giving information as to his condition and whereabouts, and how he might be recognized. He thought that, if the Chinese would only keep up pressure, he might find a chance of escaping. The doctor's Chinese boy was selected as the first messenger, and before he left Dr. Thompson whispered to him a warning not to return. He did not. Two or three letters were subsequently sent in, asking for and at the same time giving information. After four days, no food arriving, Dr. Thompson suggested that the brigands should take him to some place where there might be a foreign mission.

THE ESCAPE.

The brigands, fearing that Dr. Thompson was going to die, quickly agreed, and off they went to him to the Belgian Roman Catholic Mission at Ta Moor. The Catholic Priest there was exceedingly kind, and Dr. Thompson expressed gratitude for the help given him. The Priest did his best to negotiate with the robbers, whose terms for release were:

1,000 rifles, four machine guns, \$100,000 and admission to the army. After 48 hours' bargaining, Father de Wilde had to leave on a visit to a priest in captivity with another band of robbers, but that night the doctor's Chinese boy contrived to bribe the doctor's guards, who came to him and helped him to get away. Travelling through the night, Dr. Thompson crossed the Yellow River over the ice, and reached Pao-tao next day, thence going forward to Peking.

Describing the medical work of the journey Dr. Thompson said: "Between Yunnanfu and Batang, 55 days journey, there was no doctor. At Batang there was a doctor connected with the American Mission. From Batang to Kanze and on to Lanchow there is no doctor—70 days.

From Lanchow to Peking there is no medical man and all the way through Chinese tribes, people, Lamas, Mongols, and European missionaries came for advice and treatment." At every place where they stopped and were of sick were brought for treatment. At one centre where they rested one day 250 patients were treated, and all along the road from Yunnanfu to Peking there are sick folks who are doubtless looking back upon the visit of the doctor with gratitude.

"RAFS" ANNUAL REVEL.

A CHEERY NIGHT.

FLYING MEN FOREGATHER.

About thirty flying men who saw service aloft during the war spent a cheery evening at the Hongkong Hotel last night, the occasion being the annual Royal Air Force re-union dinner.

Everyone present had been a "Raf" except one solitary pressman who tactfully, as he thought, retired after the official toast list had been gone through and the night's "stunting" threatened to begin.

The table decorations were really worth seeing. The centre had been rigged up as a miniature aerodrome with some beautiful little models of baby aeroplanes standing about and, as one speaker pointed out, a handy clump of trees at each end to crash into. This was announced, was the work of Messrs. Robson and Church of the Kowloon Docks, who were present at the dinner, and were deservedly commended for their distinctly artistic effort.

A touch of humour was added in the shape of large placards which were hung around the room and contained such pronouncements as "observers are not allowed to stroll around on the wings under 10,000 feet" and "no stunting with Crossleys."

Squadron Leader Gordon O.E.B., M.C., D.F.C., of the Air Intelligence Staff, acted as Chairman and, after the health of the King and the "silent toast" had been drunk, he proposed the toast of "Flying Services—Past and Present." In so doing he expressed gratification that the flying service as a defensive unit was at last coming into its own, pointing out that in India and Mesopotamia airmen were

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"NKLLORU"	5,633	9th Apr.	Marseille, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,051	16th Apr.	Marseille, London & Antwerp S'pore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
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"KALYAN"	8,118	23rd Apr.	Marseille, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,041	17th May	Marseille, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,093	24th May	Marseille, London & Antwerp
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th June	Marseille, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	26th June	Marseille, London & Antwerp
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"KALYAN"	4,403	4th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"KALYAN"	9,098	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	10,941	27th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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EXCHANGE ACTION ARGUMENT ABOUT A WITNESS.

At the Supreme Court yesterday the action in which the Bank of East Asia is suing Mr. Mody, a retired exchange broker, for the sum of \$7,000 odd again came before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkins represent the Bank whilst Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. Campbell Prosser appear for Mr. Mody.

When the case was re-opened Mr. Alabaster asked for permission to recall Mr. Champion, manager of the P. & O. Banking Corporation, to answer a question regarding mercantile customs in Hongkong.

Mr. Potter objected. Mr. Alabaster, he said, desired to call new evidence. Never, throughout the whole of this case, had the other side attempted to prove mercantile custom. They deliberately omitted to call evidence to this effect. Plaintiff submitted, on the other side's plead, that there was no case to answer. "Has your Lordship?" he asked, ever heard of permission being given to call evidence to make good the defects in a case?"

The Chief Justice: I understand Mr. Alabaster only wants to put a single question to the witness.

Mr. Potter: That is the whole point of my contention. I have maintained that the question of mercantile customs has not been proved—the other side how admit it was up to them to prove it—so I submit they cannot go back upon their case and attempt to prove it at this stage.

The Chief Justice: This seems to be the position: You have finished your case, Mr. Alabaster, and you come forward with a submission to be allowed to obtain further evidence. I have never heard of such a case. You consider your case and submit it, you actually call expert witnesses, and then, having put your case, you propose to ask the Court to allow you, in effect, to re-open.

Mr. Alabaster: It is necessary, Your Lordship, in the interests of justice. Mr. Potter says that there is no case to answer. This, I submit, does not merely mean "nonsuit." It means penal judgment against Mr. Mody for £10,000. Mr. Potter said nothing about the interests of justice, or the technical rules of procedure. I submit this evidence is required, in this case, in the interests of justice.

The Chief Justice: It is obviously an important matter to both sides. Suppose I reserve my decision and let the case proceed?

Mr. Alabaster was in agreement with this suggestion, but Mr. Potter strongly opposed, not so much the reservation of His Lordship's decision but the submission of the point.

After further argument the Chief Justice said it seemed to him that Mr. Alabaster was asking him to be a party to an irregularity. The question was whether his Lordship should consent on the understanding that the other side might also have the right to call any fresh evidence if required.

Mr. Alabaster attempted to proceed with his argument, on the point, but was told by the Chief Justice to leave the matter. Decision would be reserved.

Mr. Campbell Prosser, in reviewing defendant's case, said he would show that there was a case to answer. He continued to address the Court in the afternoon and the case was adjourned *sine die*.

EUROPEANS ROBBED.
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SMART DETECTIVE WORK.

Thanks to a bit of astute detective work by two brothers named Prata, who live in "Eastern House," Kowloon, an overcoat belonging to Mr. H. Greenwood together with another overcoat and a dressing gown, the property of Mr. G. E. Ellams, who both reside at No. 7, Pratt Avenue, were recovered after the garments had been stolen by two Chinese youths yesterday.

Evidence was given by Henry Jose Prata that he was in his bath when on looking through the window he saw defendants leaving No. 7, Pratt Avenue, each wearing overcoats and one carrying the dressing-gown. He sent his brother Mario Prata, who also gave evidence, to follow the youths. While Mario kept them under observation through Chatham and Mody Roads, he dressed and also gave chase. They took defendants into custody and the police found the owners. In the witness-box, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Ellams claimed the clothing as their respective property.

The case having been proved, first defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and the second, who had a previous conviction, to six months' imprisonment.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Mores" left Shang-hai for this port on Feb. 19 at 10 p.m. and is due here on Feb. 21 at 7 a.m.

STORY OF THE DAY.

Peking, February 19.—It is understood that Wu Yu-lin, who

proceeded to Loyang and Nanking this morning, is charged with

a mission to remove the friction between Chi Hsieh-yuan and Wu

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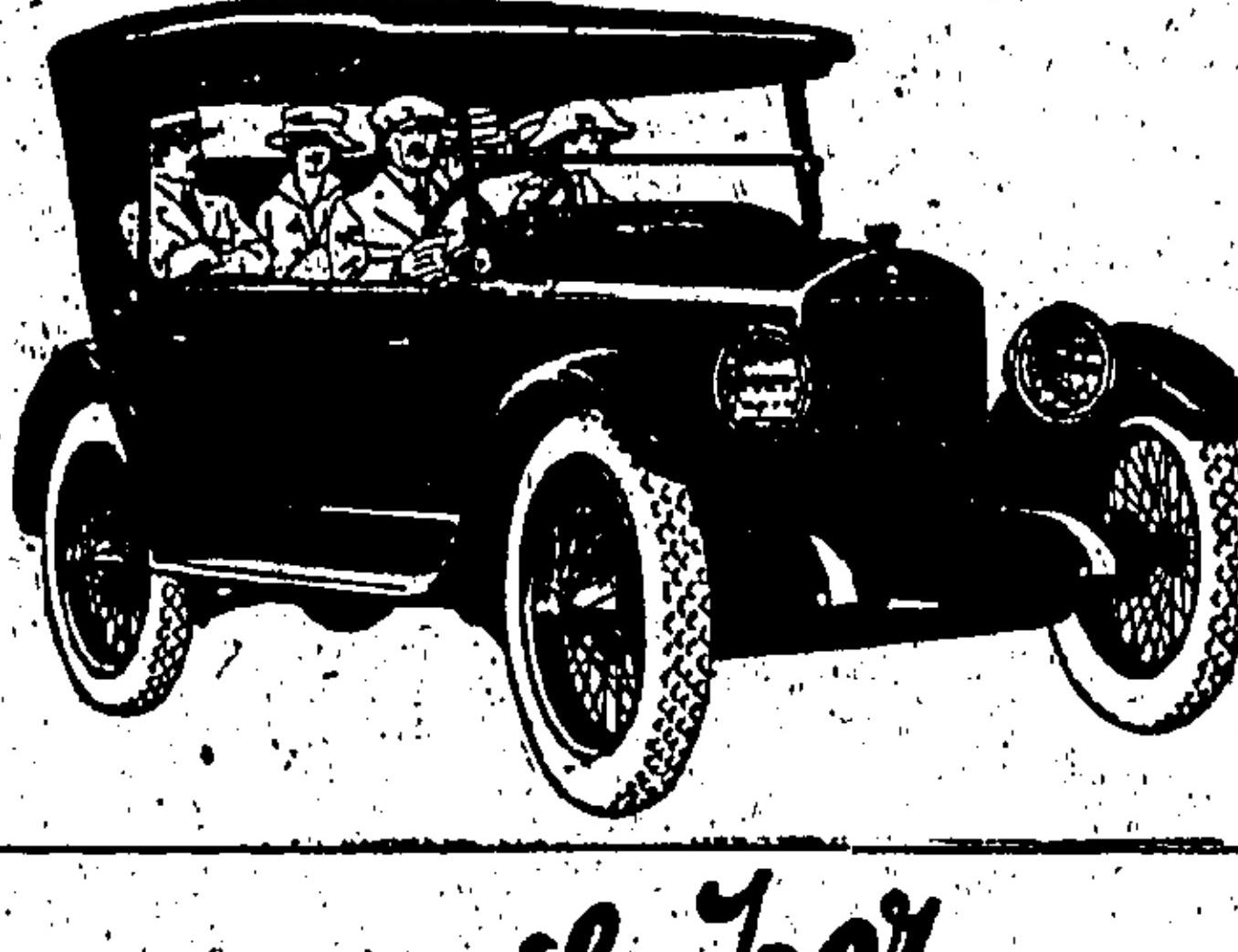
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ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of this company for presentation at the 34th Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, on Tuesday, March 4, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—
The Gross Profit for the year is..... \$1,024,819.99
The amount brought forward from the previous year..... 98,633.68
\$1,123,453.67

After allowing for the Interim Dividend paid in September last... \$200,000.00
Directors' and Auditors' fees, etc..... 8,655.50
Writing off 10% for depreciation on the Company's Buildings, Machinery, Launches, Lighters, etc..... 52,113.50
260,769.00

The Balance to be dealt with is... \$ 862,684.67
which it is recommended should be applied as follows:—
To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share \$600,000.00
To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Macao Works, an additional 40,000.00
To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Hok Un Works, an additional 45,688.57
To write off Buildings and Machinery, at Deep Water Bay Works, an additional 10,000.00
To write off Launches and Lighters, etc., an additional 10,000.00
To place to Reserve for New Plant 50,000.00
To Bonus to Staff 13,648.21
and carry forward to the credit of next year's account 93,347.89
\$862,684.67

Since the last Annual Meeting, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Very Rev. Father Robert and Sir Paul Chater have resigned, and Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. Li Tse Fong and Mr. C. F. Mendham have joined the Board. These appointments require confirmation.
Under Article (14) of the Articles of Association, Mr. R. G. Shewan retires, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Misses Lowe, Bingham and Matthews who are eligible for reappointment.

EWO COTTON MILLS LTD.

DIVIDEND RECOMMENDATIONS.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd., it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance at credit of profit and loss account at December 31, 1923, of Tls. 869,615.39, of follows:

To pay a dividend on preference shares at the rate of 8 percent per annum 72,000.00
To pay a dividend on 900,000 ordinary Shares at the rate of Tls. 0.55 per share..... 495,000.00
To write off buildings..... 45,000.00
To write off plant and machinery 100,000.00
To write off water-supply 2,252.00
To write off furniture..... 1,306.69
To write off motor car..... 800.00
To add to special repairs and renewals fund 40,000.00
To pay bonus to staff at mills..... 20,000.00
To carry forward to new account 3,256.70
Tls. 869,615.39

COAL AND COKE.

Advices from Canton hint that a firm tone prevails in the coal and coke market there. Interference with river traffic has rendered prices of firewood prohibitive for commercial and industrial purposes; hence an ever-increasing demand for imported fuel.

Another record year's business is announced by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The new life assurance policies issued and paid for during 1923 amounted to C. \$107,991,254, and aiming the year the company allotted its profits to policyholders C. \$4,417,088, and now has a sum over all liabilities of C. \$17,872,666.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Javi Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$16.04; No. 24 fine white \$17.00; No. 18 rough brown \$15.20.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—Slam No. 1 long white superior: old crop \$8.80; new crop \$8.50; Saigon No. 1 long white \$7.55.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs—Dayton \$2.72; Banana \$2.70; Kwan Tao \$2.75; White Greens \$2.78; Nutmeg Orange \$2.75; Kingfisher \$2.50; C. & C. \$2.82; White Rose \$2.67; Melon \$2.81.

NEW DEBENTURE STOCK.

London, February 19. The Bank of England will invite applications for £1,800,000 5 per cent. debenture stock issued at 98 1/4 in respect of which the Government will guarantee the principal and interest under the Trade Facilities Act.

The proceeds are required to pay for a fleet of motor ships for £1,800,000 ordered by Harland Wolffs.—Reuter.

TRADE FACILITIES ACT.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, moving a series of financial resolutions extending the aggregate amount for loans to be guaranteed under the Trade Facilities Act from £50,000,000 to £65,000,000. Mr. William Graham, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, explained that the resolutions included at least one of the proposals of the Imperial Economic Conference, namely that authorizing the Treasury to guarantee for five years three quarters of the interest on certain dominion, colonial and public utility loans, the proceeds of which were to be expended in the United Kingdom. The resolutions were agreed to without division.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

London, February 19.

In the House of Commons, relating to Sir Charles Lyle, Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the Government considered an increase in the world's supply of raw cotton very important, and had every intention of carrying on the policy of promoting cotton-growing within the Empire.—Reuter.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

Paris, February 18.

The Bourse du Commerce, Paris, has been closed sine die by a decree of the Prefect of Police, on the ground that quotations are resulting in an exchange crisis calculated to lead to an abnormal increase in prices.

It is stated that taxation up to the present agreed on amounted to 4,780,000 francs. The sitting lasted until 5.30 in the morning.—Reuter.

London February 18.

The French rents have reached low records, the four per cent at 17% the five per cent at 21 1/4 ex coupon. This influence is seen in the collapse of exchange to 102.10 francs to the pound sterling.—Reuter.

Paris, February 19.

The French franc fell to 105

and the Belgian to 125.—Reuter.

RAW SILK INDUSTRY.

DEMOLISHED BY EARTHQUAKE:

NEW YORK, January 12.

Virtual demolition of the Japanese raw silk industry as a result of the earthquake last August has emphasized the necessity of developing new sources of supply throughout the world, Mr. James A. Goldsmith, President of the Silk Association of America, said at the annual dinner of the organization to-night.

Silk manufacturers, he said, had already turned to China, which gave the greatest promise of replacing the Japanese field. Turkey, Persia, Syria and the Caucasus, also were mentioned as offering unlimited opportunities for development.

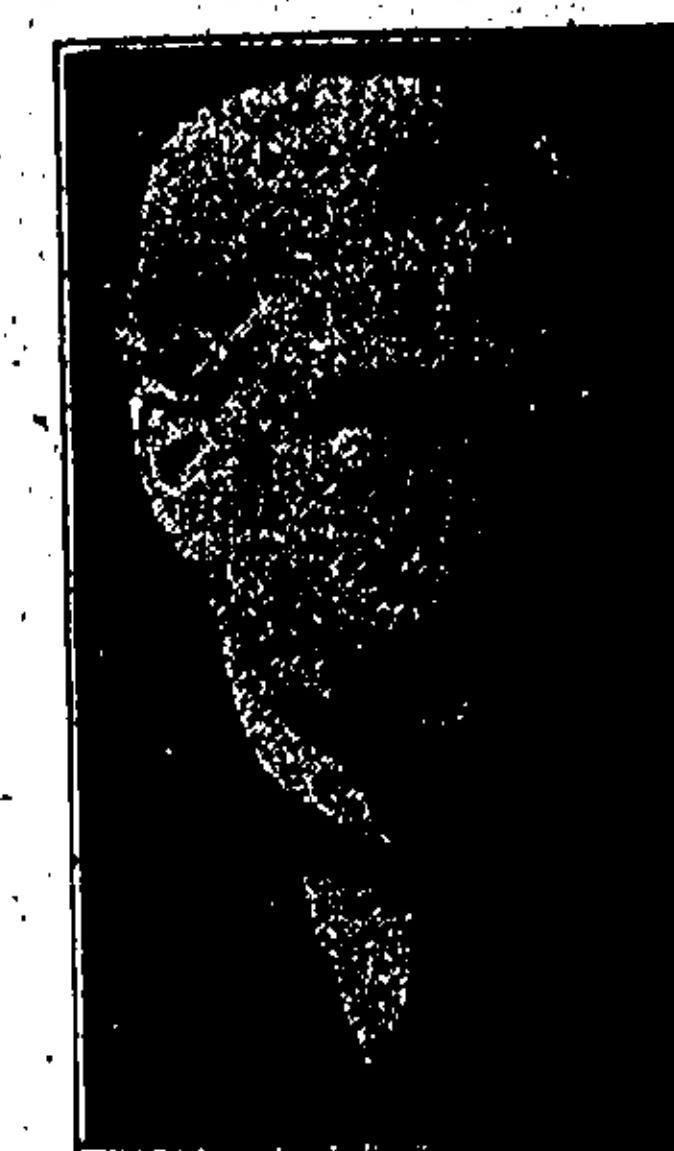
The Silk Association of America, Mr. Goldsmith said, had erected a scientific building at Canfield Christian College, the University of Nanking and at Fukien University, where silk culture and handling would be taught scientifically. Present methods in use in China are largely antiquated and result in huge wastage, he said.

A research and development programme of the Association extending over a ten years period was outlined.—Reuter's American Service.

SUN LIFE CO.

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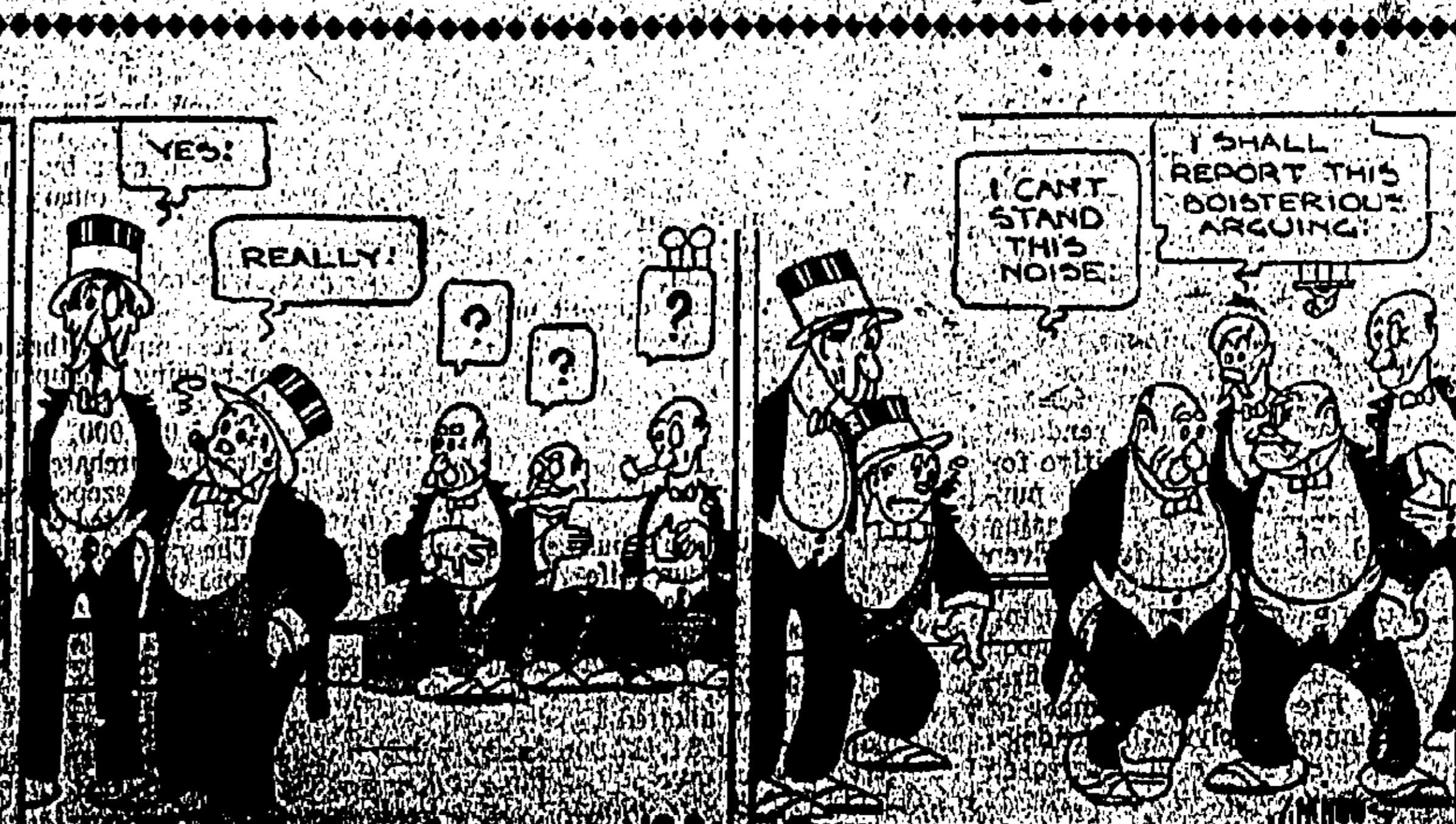
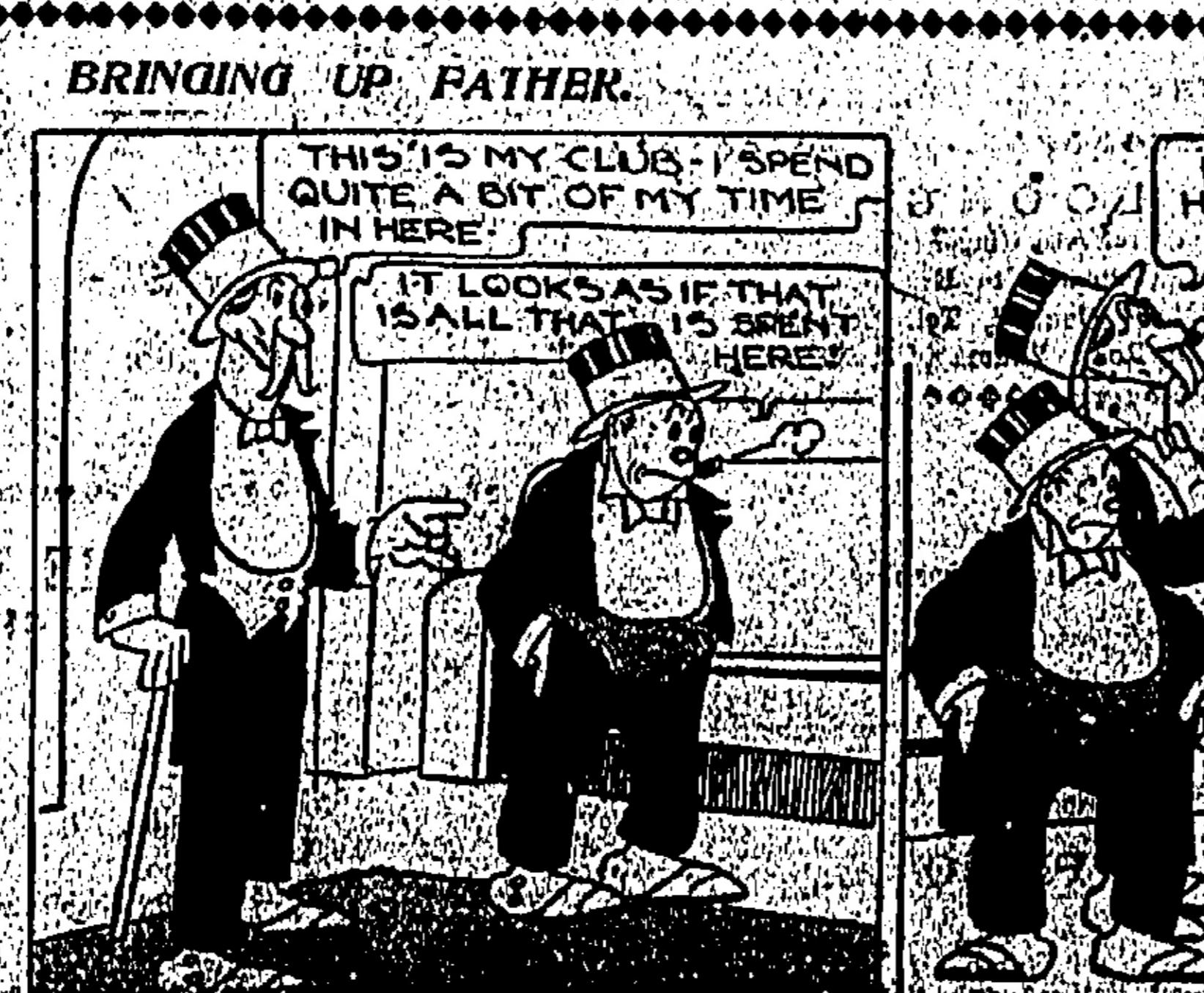
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Sir Esme Howard, brilliant diplomat, who after a distinguished career has been appointed Ambassador to Washington to succeed Sir Auckland Geddes, who has resigned. He is, as his surname indicates, a member of one of England's oldest and greatest families and is a veteran of the diplomatic service, which he entered in 1885 as assistant private secretary to the Earl of Carnarvon, then Viceroy of Ireland.



Prince George, who has been asked by the King to wait a while before making a definite announcement of his engagement to Lady Alexandra Curzon, daughter of the former Foreign Secretary, Lord Curzon. The King and Queen raised no objection in principle, but they consider the Prince too young to marry. Should the marriage take place, it is believed that Marquis Curzon will be made a Duke, the first to be created since the Duke of Westminster in 1874.



Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, son and aide of Governor General Leonard Wood, whose phenomenal luck in speculation caused such a sensation lately. The young Lieutenant at the age of 20 has amassed the fortune of \$600,000 in Wall Street speculation.



M. Tchitcherin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who expresses great pleasure over Britain's recognition of Russia.



Viscount Ishii, famous Japanese statesman, who will in all probability be given the important post of Minister of Foreign Affairs in the new cabinet headed by Viscount Kiego Kiyoura.



Giovanni Papini, famous Italian author, who will shortly be making a tour of the world, it is reported.



Arthur G. Havers, British Open Golf champion, who is now touring the United States.



Justice Sir John Sankey, an important member of the English Bench, who is taking a prominent part in politics.



Commissioner M. F. O'Hanlon, Chairman of the Farmers' Party in Ireland, who sailed for home from New York on the s.s. "Aquitania" after visiting the United States and Canada in an effort to interest those countries in the proposed Olympic games (Fitzwilliam Games), which take place in Dublin next August.

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Ticket No. 684 1st \$ 2,475.20
" 388 2nd \$ 707.20
" 470 3rd \$ 353.60
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" 2nd \$ 12.60
" 3rd \$ 11.80

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Ticket No. 613 1st \$ 2,604.00

" 170 2nd \$ 744.00

" 437 3rd \$ 372.00

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Mr. Dynasty's "King" Charlie,
157lb. (Mr. Hill) 2

Mr. Henry Humphreys's
Speckled Mouse 162lb.
(Mr. Knoll) 3

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(Mr. Sewell) 0

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Sharpshooter 150lb.
(Mr. Gibson) 0

Mr. C. C. Boyd's Strathfarar,
162lb. (Mr. Zellensky) 0

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Oak Leaf
(late Sportsman Dahlia) 160lb.
(Mr. Soares) 0

Mrs. Dyer's Skylight, 158lb.
(Mr. Davies) 0

Mr. J. de Jong's Drake (late
Henry VIII) 160lb. (Mr. Baud) 0

Capt. Oxspring's Lighting 150lb.
(Mr. Harriman) 0

Mr. Seth's Knockuh Leg 155lb.
(Mr. Seth) 0

Five lengths. Short head.
Time: 2.003/5.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BACKERS.

To-morrow being Derby Day
interest is, of course, centred in
the race for the Blue Riband,
which will be run at 12.45 and not
1 o'clock as in former years.
Added excitement is forthcoming
from the fact that the training
season has been entirely against
steamy preparation so that owners
are justified in claiming that
it is the "most open race for
years."

By winning the Trial Stakes as
as he did, Courfield must be
made favourite although it has to
be conceded that Sir Paul, with
his big string and three Shanghai
crack jockeys, will still have to be
reckoned with.

Musketeer gave the appearance
of having been over-trained or
gone off slightly. At any rate,
his performance to-day has
seriously discredited his good
marks in last week's training.
Silver Leaf, always considered a
better than average outsider,
has also disappointed.

Gimp is a 12.3 pony and with
the exception of Silver streak
(who was rated 13 hands in
Shanghai) very few 12.3 ponies
have won the Hongkong Derby.

If started, he should be near the
first three but if he tries for
either the Lusitano Cup or the
Black Rock Stakes, he has a good
chance of winning despite his
penalty.

Dark Mouse might even do
better than to-day.

Mopoke has again proved him-
self a "stinker" but Charles' style
of riding suits him. He would be
an ideal pony to back for an out-
sider's chance for a place in to-
morrow's Derby.

As Jewel Dahlia II. could only
finish many lengths behind The
Woodpecker and Edenhall, both of
Sir Paul's griffins which were in
the limelight, have not come up to
expectations. In view of public
support for Lady Chater's pony
(The Woodpecker) and his win
in the Racing Stakes, he is to be
fancied as the most likely one to
finish behind Courfield. The
opinion of experts on the course
favoured Courfield for first place
and The Woodpecker for second.

Old Ponies and Subs.

Spotted Sand will carry 7lb.
penalty if started in the Governor's
Cup (5 furlongs) to-morrow. Un-
less there is an appreciable change
in the course, he should be a good
bet.

Kupi carries no penalty in the
Challenge (1 3/4 miles) but either
Christmas Card or Thomas a
ckett should just beat him.

Cock o' the North should win the
Exchange Plate under 158lbs and
seems booked for the Champions
Clover Leaf is thought to have
too big feet to win on a very
heavy course and Sewell will find
it hard to break through the
Shanghai jockeys.

Ramshire and Livergrass
should both do well in races for
their class.

Enough has not been seen of the
"subs" to make predictions with
certainty. On the strength of to-day's
showing, the two Kings—Alfred
and Canute—should both do well
especially as Hill understands
them.

Others are Loch Rannoch and
Sovereign. Of those that failed
to reach the finish in the last two
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